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My dear General Smith:

This letter is directed to your attention by the writer in the capacity of a private citizen. This fact is mentioned because as an employee of the United States Government, my association with certain informational activities might prevent this letter from reaching you were it directed through government channels. The ideal, of course, would be to talk with you in person, but weighing certain factors, such as time being most precious to you, I am handcarrying this letter to the Central Intelligence Agency in the hope I can deliver it into the hands of your secretary.

What I am about to set forth may have been already discussed and discarded by you. Irrespective of this fact, I am submitting this document in the sincere hope that the plan has not been presented and discarded, and that it is worthy of careful and active consideration by you and your staff.

Although many of us today are occupied in the great task of trying to break through, from a psychological viewpoint, the barriers of Communist ideology, I feel certain, grievously certain, that we have missed a primary factor in our endeavors along these specific lines. I think it goes almost without saying that in order to remove a poisonous growth a physician goes to the core of the infection. Many times this procedure is adopted too late, and the patient dies.

I am not a student of history nor do I pretend to know all the answers. But, I can read, evaluate and make decisions. It appears to me that the Free World is almost at the point where its struggle to maintain itself is outweighed by the factor that it is losing its perspective in attempting to alleviate its antithesis, namely; slavery. Slave labor is not new. The British have employed it. The Americans have employed it. The Chinese have employed it. And these peoples have not, in their past history, been gentle in their methods of such employment. The whip, the gun and the mental subjugation of the spirit have all lended themselves to its creation and support. But even though we have been guilty ourselves of such action, we have outgrown such methods of rule. Now, we are on the spot looking at a republic that is almost wholly depending upon its success as a growing nation by enslavement of the individual in the most barbarious methods known in history. Communist Russia is not only enslaving individuals, but in the collective sense, it is enslaving States.

What is the Free World doing about it? To sum up our endeavors in a few words without listing all the organizations which are attempting to soften the iron curtain, we are trying to combat the enemy in a way

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which seems to me comparable to that of a layman in psychiatry trying to cure a hopeless paranoiac. I do not mean to imply that what we are doing is without results. There are results, but to a certain degree only. The paranoiac is still rampant and his victims are daily becoming greater in numbers and his followers are in such a state of hypnosis that one might question seriously when is insanity not insanity!

Today, as of this moment, there are 15 to 20 million slave laborers under the iron hand of the Kremlin. These laborers are distributed among hundreds of slave labor camps throughout the USSR, its satellites and China. Notwithstanding the fact that these peoples are undernourished, beaten and deprived souls, they are still potential allies of the Free World. I would go so far as to say that at least 75 percent of them live not only for food, but they live or struggle to survive in the hope they will some day be FREE. By free, I mean not only physically so. This hope encompasses the right to think, worship, govern, speak, work and play as their desires dictate which is anyone's basic right upon this earth. Yet, to my knowledge, no one has ever considered the problem of releasing or freeing these people except by plying their rulers and their rulers followers with reading material and radio broadcasts in the very naive hope that such methods will, if applied in the incessant drop-of-water-on-the-stone method, break down their concepts of the "Utopia." The stiffer we make the argument for the sake of peace and freedom, the more adamant the jailors become that we are the warmongers. Promptly, and defensively, up comes another slave labor camp to "protect" the State from would-be believers in the capitalist bastards.

I do not think, General Smith, that it could be considered folly to employ the aid of a potential ally to initiate a step forward in the pursuit of freedom. In my language, nothing is impossible. But first must come the will to take a chance, to take the risk. May I quote Kenneth S. Davis in a biography of Dwight Eisenhower: "Any life truly lived is a risky business, and if one puts up too many fences against the risks, one ends by shutting out life itself."

What do you think would happen if a certain slave labor camp, let's say JACHYMOV in Bohemia, only 50 miles from the boundry of the Free World, were able to overthrow its guards and through infallible planning, the peoples of that camp could be led to the boundries of the Western world? If I heard that such a thing had happened I would say, "Well, finally the Free World is acting, it is doing, it is proving its creed." Following are some ideas which I present to you. Undoubtedly these ideas are not foolproof as presented. Nevertheless the ideas are presented. It is up to you to decide their value and possible application.

PLAN I. Release of JACHYMOV slave laborers - Bohemia.

The method employed, results in either the success or the failure of the mission. As a very general outline, General Smith, could not, at a particular time when the laborers are either on their way to the mines or returning from the mines, a plane be employed, a plane capable of

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flying ABOVE radar detection. The plane would be manned by German or American pilots. It would be loaded with pamphlets and leaflets and the target would be JACHYMOV. (I am not suggesting the balloon idea here for one could never be absolutely certain the balloons would land at precisely the correct spot). This in itself would give the laborers a hope that the outside world had not forgotten them. There could even be a subtle and clever suggestion or hint in the pamphlets that aid would be forthcoming. This fact alone is an important one. It would boost hope and instill courage. Of course, the guards at the camp would be increased. And of course, the Kremlin would accuse the United States or someone else of illegally flying over Russian territory. But if the plane carrying the cargo is so high it cannot be seen, heard or detected, what proof is there that American or other allied persons are involved. In fact it could easily be labelled a result of Russian underground activity.

About a week or perhaps a month after this initial action has taken place, commence the operation for actual release of prisoners. To do this would necessitate, as you are well aware, a network of plans, each coordinated, with timing of the utmost importance. First, sound out and find out who in the towns near or surrounding JACHYMOV are pro-ally. Enlist the aid of any and all persons willing to risk their lives for the successful completion of this plan. Set up receiving stations for the freed prisoners, including hospitalization, and temporary living quarters. Have trucks or any possible mode of transportation ready to transport the prisoners to the receiving stations. Or, if this does not seem plausible, arrange for highway patrol to protect them if they attempt to make it on foot by road or through the woods. At a stated hour, employ planes to fly over (still high enough to escape any radar or other detection) JACHYMOV and unload, not leaflets, but guns and ammunition. The prisoners of JACHYMOV would not have to be told what to do with them! With the aid of German and anti-Communist personnel already employed for the successful operation of the plan, these people could be led to the borders and ultimately to the receiving stations.

It is at this point I would like to say that the initial leaflet program could be used as a psychological weapon upon slave labor camps in the interior of Russia. Such camps that are so far from any form of communication or border that immediate release might be doubtful. If the JACHYMOV plan worked, and just the leaflet program were incorporated over camps in the interior, the Kremlin would become so frenzied and the internal uprising so eminent that perhaps guns might not have to be used at all. Sometimes, General Smith, courage and determination can win by themselves. Morale in the prisons as a result of the leaflet barrage, might rise so high as to cause active uprising in the camps in the form of an underground resistance strong enough to eventually overthrow their keepers. At the very least, it would give the Kremlin something to worry about -- a very significant factor in disintegrating a heretofore uninterrupted plan for complete domination over the individual. Again, I say, if the JACHYMOV plan worked, keep repeating the leaflet barrage over camps in the interior. News travels fast. First leaflets then guns and ammunition. This sequence which occurred in the first instance would have

tremendous psychological effect upon future recipients of leaflets"period."

General Results of PLAN I - The release of the slave laborers would cause complete inner turmoil among Stalin's henchmen. It would also start unrest among other prison camps. It might cause a withdrawal of Communist agents from key spots to go back to the Kremlin to look into the situation. It would undoubtedly cause immediate inspection of all labor camps. This in itself depicts insecurity. Insecurity sometimes, under the right conditions, breeds revolution! In any event, the success of Plan I would certainly, generally speaking, cause a turmoil among the top planners in the Soviet. If this plan worked, and I can see no reason why it should not, it could be the stepping stone to

PLAN II - Release of prisoners in the Baltic States by employment of almost identical methods, but as an added operation, the use of sea commandos.

PLAN III - The release of prisoners occupying labor camps in China. Chiang Kai-Shek I think could be of unsurpassable assistance in this particular operation. This operation of course, would not be associated in any way with the UN but definitely guerilla warfare.

General Smith, I trust that you (and your staff, if you consider this worthy of passing on to them for study) believe that the slave laborers of the world today are waiting for you, me and others like us to help them. They cannot help themselves. We know that. There is no one else to help them but those of us who are crying out Freedom from the hilltops and yet lack the guts to do something about it. Slave labor is part of an ideology, and I am thoroughly convinced of this: that it can only be destroyed by deed, not by words. It is a system, perpetuated by a ruthless ideology which can be cured only by showing it perpetrators its fallacy. As long as it continues, and continues successfully, so long will the Kremlin employ it as a measure of its power over human beings.

If the situation in Korea can exist for over two years, a situation in which twenty-three nations (including the enemy) are occupied in physical fighting and yet no legal declaration of war appears in print of any form, then by God and the help of those who believe in Him, we can employ guerilla warfare without a declaration of war. But it must be employed smoothly, silently and with unfailing results.

Because of the nature of this letter, I may not receive an acknowledgement. Nevertheless, I am at your disposal if you wish to contact me. During the day I can be reached at Republic 5600, extension 3242. I am usually at home after 7:30 p.m., Hobart 5600, extension 616. I am departing on my vacation July 31 and will return to Washington August 18.

Most sincerely,

Sam Stone

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I might as well continue the buck passing!

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I haven't bothered to check her extension, but presume she is in IPS in State.

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